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GREENSBURG MAN SENTENCED FOR PRODUCING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

PRESS RELEASE

INDIANAPOLIS - Danny L. Shelton, 57, formerly of Greensburg, Indiana, was sentenced to 192 months in prison late Friday by U.S. District Judge William T. Lawrence following his guilty plea to producing child pornography. This case was the result of an investigation by the Greensburg Police Department, Decatur County Prosecutor's Office, Indiana State Police, and the Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security.

Shelton took a computer in for repair to an Indiana office supply store on April 8, 2008. The computer technician noted a video file of a nude girl who appeared to be 12 years old. A state search warrant was obtained and the computer was searched. Investigators determined that Shelton had photographed the same girl on separate occasions in 2007 in another state where he lived before moving to Greensburg, Indiana. Shelton transported the images of the 11 year-old girl to Indiana on his computer.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Gayle L. Helart and A. Brant Cook who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Lawrence also imposed a lifetime of supervised release following Shelton's release from prison. During the period of supervised release, Shelton cannot obtain a computer without permission and must submit to search and seizure. Shelton was fined in the amount of \$500.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice. Led by United States Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafchildhood.gov.

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